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ABSTRACT

Public library construction in North Dakota, MINITEX (Minnesota Interlibrary Telecommunications Exchange) service, state library use and service patterns, the state library collection, and the state library staff are covered in this report. Two tables contain the North Dakota Network for Knowledge fiscal report for 1974 and 1975. In addition, there are reports of the activities and expenditures incurred for the fiscal years of 1974 and 1975 under the Library Services and Construction Act. (NR)

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November 1, 1975

Honorable Arthur A. Link
Governor
State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Mr. Edward J. Klecker
Director of Institutions
State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Dear Governor Link and Mr. Klecker:

In accordance with NDCC 54-24-03(7), I hereby submit the Thirty-Fifth Report of the Director of the State Library Commission to the Governor and to the Director of Institutions, which constitutes the State Library Commission, for the period July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1975.

Respectfully,

RICHARD J. WOLFERT
Director

- INTRODUCTION -

While the federal role in the support of library service still remains somewhat unclear, state support of the operations of the State Library has become firm.

The State Library is no longer dependent upon the availability of federal funds for its operation. However, funding for the improvement or development of local public library service is still entirely dependent upon federal library funds.

At this time, the federal library program is under study by the Congress, the Administration, and the library profession. Many changes are being proposed, and it remains to be seen what will emerge from the various conflicting philosophies about federal-state-local relationships and responsibilities in the provision of library service.

I. Authorization, Programs, and Responsibilities of the State Library.

The Thirty-third Report detailed the authorization, programs, and responsibilities of the State Library. No significant changes have been made, and thus, they will not be repeated in this report.

II. State Library Publications.

A complete listing of all State Library publications during this reporting period may be found in North Dakota State Publications, Nos. 17, 18, 19 and 20.

III. State Plan for Library Development.

The federal Library Services and Construction Act requires the submission of a State Plan each fiscal year to the U. S. Office of Education. The State Plan is published each year as an issue of North Dakota Library Notes. Minor changes have been made each year in the Plan.

IV. Advisory Council on Libraries.

In accordance with LSCA regulations, Governor Link appointed fifteen persons to the North Dakota Advisory Council on Libraries. The Council provides advice and counsel to the Governor, Director of Institutions, and the State Librarian on matters of policy and programs pertaining to statewide library service and development.

A comprehensive report on the status of North Dakota libraries and recommendations for improvement is to be filed with the Governor by the Advisory Council before December 31, 1976.

Minutes of the Council meetings have been published in Flickertale Newsletter.

V. State Library Building.

Upon completion of the new Heritage Center building in 1979, the State Historical Society will vacate the Liberty Memorial Building. The Legislative Council Budget Committee "C" is conducting a space needs study of the various state agencies. The Director of the State Library Commission prepared a report for this committee detailing the space needs of the State Library. One recommendation could be the assignment of the Liberty Memorial Building to the State Library Commission in 1979.

The present space of the State Library has been satisfactory except for the lack of proximity to the Capitol Building. It is a priority of the State Library Commission to expand and improve information and library service to state officials and employees.

VI. Talking Book Service.

Since August 1973, the Talking Book Service for North Dakota residents who are certified as blind or physically handicapped has been provided by contract from the South Dakota State Library in Pierre. Certification of eligibility and distribution of machines remains the responsibility of Division of Vocational Education, Special Services for the Blind, Grand Forks.

The State Library provides supplementary service to the certified persons through loans of large print books and tape cassettes not available through a Talking Book Service.

VII. State Document Depository.

The volume of state documents received amounts to 1,300 items each year. Each item is indexed by agency name and by the title of the publication. The indexing information is transferred to machine readable tape and stored by the State Central Data Processing Center. Monthly print-outs of new additions are prepared each month and accompanies the shipment of depository items to the designated depository libraries around the state and to the Library of Congress. Semi-annual compilations are published and distributed to North Dakota libraries. All documents are microfilmed at the end of the year, and duplicate reels are available for sale. An annual index to the microfilm reels is also published.

A "Keyword-out-of-Context" subject index was published for the years 1965-1974, and an agency and title index was published for the years 1965-1973.

VIII. State Government Service.

The Governmental Affairs section of the State Library has developed a simple computer program (LC-5) to index its materials pertaining to state government. Like other State Library computer programs, the data entered can be arranged in many ways and appropriate print-outs produced to fill the needs of the users of the system.

A cooperative project has been developed with the Supreme Court to add materials in the Court Administrator's library to the LC-5 computer indexing program. The Bureau of Governmental Affairs, University of North Dakota, has expressed willingness to add its extensive collection of library materials to the system.

There are other collections in the Capitol and elsewhere that could also be added to this system.

The nature of this material is that it consists of short reports or articles, usually not listed in usual bibliographic indexes and therefore elusive. In traditional library procedures, this type of material is not indexed and therefore difficult to retrieve.

The goal of this project is a union listing of materials physically located in several different locations. It is expected that the union listing will facilitate researchers locating their needed materials on governmental affairs.

IX. Constitutional Convention Publications.

A four volume 1,993 page book, the North Dakota Constitutional Convention, 1971-1972; A Newspaper Account, was published by the State Library in 1974. One hundred copies were printed, and copies are for sale for $40.00 each.

Senate Bill 2074, introduced by Senator Frank Wenstrom, President of the Constitutional Convention, was passed by the 1975 Legislature. This Bill transferred the remaining copies of the Constitutional Convention Journal and Debates to the State Library from the Secretary of State for sale to interested persons and for a reserve supply for safe keeping.

X. Legislation.

Legislation introduced and acted upon by the 1975 Legislature was summarized in the Flickertale Newsletter of May 15, 1975.

House Bill 1499 changed municipal library board appointments from the school district board to the city council or commission. Senate Bill 2137 expanded the powers of contract by library boards to include municipalities and counties in adjoining states. Senate Concurrent Resolution 4005, pertaining to a Legislative Council study of library service, again failed to pass.

XI. Statewide Library Service Statistics.

Public library and academic library statistics for the fiscal years 1973 and 1974 were published in separate issues of North Dakota Library Notes. School library/media center statistics are available from the State Department of Public Instruction.

XII. Research Commissioned.

Several research projects were commissioned during the biennial period.

The Lewis and Clark 1805 Regional Planning Council and the Lake Agassiz Regional Planning Council each conducted studies in their region to determine library and information needs, attitudes, resources, services, and finances, and to recommend a plan for improvement.

The Law School of the University of North Dakota conducted a study of the financial and legal aspects of public library service in North Dakota.

Ronald Rudser, Minot State College Library, conducted a survey of the Devils Lake Public Library. He was assisted by Dennis Page, Grand Forks Public Library, and Ora Stewart, Carnegie Bookmobile Library, Grafton.

The North Dakota Public Library Planning Council was awarded a grant to facilitate a series of planning meetings. A report was submitted to the State Advisory Council on Libraries.

XIII. ABM Impact Funds for Library Service.

The State Library was again instrumental in securing Department of Defense funds for the provision of public library service to the ABM installation area. The funds are channeled through the State Library to the Carnegie Bookmobile Library, a four-county operation with headquarters in Grafton.

XIV. Workshops.

Statewide workshops were held during this reporting period:

Carrington, November 29-30, 1973 (Fall Frolic)

Bismarck, May 16-17, 1974 (Spring Frolic)

Bismarck, May 28-31, 1974 (Management)

Aberdeen, S.D., April 11-12, 1975 (Information and Referral)

Bismarck, April 22, 1975 (Teletype)

XV. Minimum Wage Rates.

State Minimum Wage Order was extended to persons employed in public libraries on March 7, 1974. The minimum wage was set at $2.00 per hour.

The federal minimum wage was also extended to public libraries. The federal minimum wage was set at $2.00 per hour.

XVI. Use of State Computer.

The State Library has made extensive use of the IBM 370/145 computer facilities located on the Capitol Grounds. There are four separate on-going programs:

LC-2 cataloging state documents

LC-3 cataloging monographic materials

LC-4 cataloging audio-visual materials

LC-5 cataloging governmental affairs materials

The cataloging data in each of these programs can be manipulated to produce print-outs by author, title, subject, and classification number. The data in each program, however, cannot be intermixed.

Fifteen subject catalogs have been produced, published, and distributed to libraries. Microfiche editions will be published in 1976, making the process from computer tape to user catalog much faster and cheaper. It is expected that increased use of the State Library resources will result from this project.

Utilizing the LC-3 program, a catalog of the complete holdings of the McLean-Mercer Regional Library (28,000 titles) was produced and distributed to branch libraries and to the bookmobile.

Mary College has also been transferring its cataloging data to the LC-3 program, and joint State Library Commission and Mary College catalogs will be produced.

XVII. Revenue Sharing.

Public libraries are eligible to receive federal revenue sharing funds through their city or county government. During the 1973 calendar year twenty-eight libraries received a total of $170,232.00 in revenue sharing funds. During the 1974 calendar year twenty-nine libraries received a total of $180,333.00. Regretably, about fifty percent of the libraries failed to even request any of these funds from their city or county government.

XVIII. Public Library Construction.

Public library construction during this reporting period included:

A. Jamestown, Alfred Dickey Library: an additon of 1,600 square feet, $53,924.00

B. Dickinson Public Library: an addition of 4,400 square feet, $218,857.00

C. Watford City Public Library: a new building of 1,600 square feet, $41,561.00

D. West Fargo: a new building of 5,000 square feet, $147,240.00

XIX. MINITEX Service.

The State Library Commission signed a one-year agreement with the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Commission to provide North Dakota residents, through their local libraries, improved library and information services.

The agreement provides for MINITEX (which is operated by the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Commission) to provide access to Minnesota library and information resources via the North Dakota State Library Commission. This access includes loan of books and documents, and photocopies of periodical articles.

Three North Dakota libraries have been designated as access points to MINITEX: The State Library, Bismarck; The Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota; The Library, North Dakota State University, Fargo. All other North Dakota libraries channel their requests for service through the State Library unless special arrangements have been made with University of North Dakota or North Dakota State University.

The agreement requires that North Dakota library resources must first be exhausted before contacting MINITEX. Thus, all requests for books must be cleared through the State Library Union Catalog to be sure that the material is not available in North Dakota. Periodical requests must be filled within the state whenever possible before referring to MINITEX. Access libraries are using TWX to transmit MINITEX requests in a designated format and verified in accepted bibliographic tools.

The agreement also provides for MINITEX to produce a new edition of the North Dakota Union List of Serials. Fifty libraries are participating in the new edition. MINITEX has recently published the Minnesota Union List of Serials. It is expected that the North Dakota List would be published in late 1975 by the State Library Commission. In addition to the statewide list, area-wide lists, or type of library lists can also be produced.

XX. State Library Use and Service Patterns.

This biennial period contained a continuation of long-term trends in patterns of service from the State Library.

A. The utilization of juvenile books has continued to decline as have the Traveling Library and Reading Circle services. Schools have accounted for the bulk of the circulation of these special collections. As schools establish and build up their own libraries their dependence upon the State Library diminishes.

	Loans				
	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
Juvenile books	4,171	4,618	7,307	14,719	14,972
Reading Circle	-0-	706	4,917	5,228	7,190
Traveling Libraries .	7,179	10,939	10,448	9,970	10,439

B. Adult readers' use of information books has increased. The State Library has emphasized its role as a statewide information center. The changing nature is reflected in the statistics. Much fiction and other "popular" reading material previously supplied at the state level is now being provided at the regional level. A more sophisticated State Library collection fills a need for this type of material, but the utilization is less than a popular collection. The objective is to place lesser used material at one location in the state - the State Library - with access to all.

	Loans				
	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
Adult Information Books	23,328	20,670	22,184	20,068	18,165

C. The circulation of State Library books of adult fiction has declined, except for the 1975 year.

	Loans				
	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
Adult Fiction Books	5,886	4,694	5,514	5,424	6,227

D. Audio-visual materials, such as tape cassettes and filmstrips are in great demand by individuals, schools, and for adult listening groups. The State Library has greatly expanded its collection of these popular and instructive items during the biennium to meet the growing need. The collection of phonograph records has been discontinued and tape cassettes substituted because of their mailing ease.

	Loans				
	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
Tape Cassettes	11,838	8,274	8,324	3,898	679
Phonograph Records ..	-0-	68	589	644	896
Filmstrips	7,854	2,543	2,573	603	149
8 mm Films	958	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Slides	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	302
Other	260	118	-0-	180	117

E. Other printed materials.

	Loans				
	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
Other Printed Materials	7,105	3,642	8,947	6,752	10,232

F. Total Loans of Materials.

	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
Total Loans	68,579	56,272	69,756	67,486	69,368

G. Service to state government officials and employees has increased as we have promoted this service. Selected appropriate material has been added to the collection.

	Loans				
	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
State Officials and Employees	3,128	1,992	2,257	2,603	1,280

H. Book loans to college and university libraries have also increased. The increase can be attributed to the State Library collection becoming more academically useful as it builds its non-fiction collection.

	Loans				
	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
College and University Libraries	2,312	1,639	1,444	894	370

I. Use of the State Library by individuals without local library service has declined, except in 1975, while loans to libraries have increased. This pattern is a result of channeling requests for service through local and regional libraries. In this way libraries close to patrons supply requests for most popular materials, and generally only requests for more sophisticated and specialized material are now being filled from the State Library collection.

	Loans				
	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
Individuals	27,414	22,926	32,616	29,472	37,536
Public Libraries	9,662	6,201	6,036	6,324	3,835

J. Service requests from high schools have increased for material not available in the school library media center. Such items include photocopies, filmstrips, tape cassettes, and many adult level books. This increase is in contrast to the decline in requests for the "pre-packaged" Reading Circle and Traveling Library collections which contain mostly books for younger school children.

	Loans				
	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
Schools	18,247	11,560	11,712	12,753	8,334

K. State institutions. Service to the seven state supported institutions has increased. Increased usage has been for both staff and resident use.

	Loans				
	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
State institutions ...	637	309	326	242	384

L. Service on the "Network for Knowledge" has increased. The Network is a teletype-telephone-mail communication system coordinating and improving the services of all North Dakota libraries. The headquarters is at the State Library and contains a listing of all books and periodicals in the twenty-six larger libraries of the state. The provision of information and reading material through the Network makes the total resources of the state's libraries available to all its citizens.

Network Transactions				
1975	1974	1973	1972	1971
21,541	18,443	15,230	10,122	6,192

- NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK FOR KNOWLEDGE REPORT*-

FISCAL 1974

LIBRARY	REQUESTS REC'D FROM	Requests filled by STATE LIBRARY	WITHIN STATE	OTHER	TOTAL	REQUESTS NOT FILLED	REQUESTS FILLED BY LIBRARY
Bismarck JC	97	29	50	1	80	17	93
Bismarck PL	787	323	230	6	559	228	316
Bottineau SF	48	22	19		41	7	25
Devils Lake PL	139	73	43		116	23	17
Dickinson PL	331	160	90		250	81	60
Dickinson St. Col.	469	113	187	6	306	163	245
Fargo PL	280	146	51		197	83	158
Grand Forks PL	537	180	180	4	364	173	229
Jamestown CL	319	60	135	1	196	123	121
James Memorial-W	195	101	55	5	161	34	41
Jamestown PL	335	196	63		259	76	36
Lake Region JC	76	21	34		55	21	17
Mandan PL	283	135	77	7	219	64	218
Mary College L.	742	435	147	8	590	152	105
Minot PL	1,582	530	478	10	1,018	564	87
Minot State Col.	264	76	104	1	181	83	359
Mayville St. Col.	82	10	44		54	28	66
NDSU Library	281	53	84	1	138	143	721
Other N.D. PL	3,665	2,098	932	14	3,044	621	8
State Lib. Comm.	431		344	8	352	79	10,253
St. Sch. of Science	132	26	62	3	91	41	129
Univ. of N.D.	1,233	191	383	40	614	619	743
UND-Medical L.	6	6			6		4
UND-Williston Br.	185	47	71	1	119	66	37
Valley City PL	124	44	38	2	84	40	74
Valley City St.Col.	353	127	98	2	227	126	244
W.Plains-Williston	191	95	41		136	55	9
High Schools	4,531	4,229	107		4,336	195	
Elem. Schools	731	713	3		716	15	
Other (Out-of-state)	14	14			14		120
TOTAL	18,443	10,253	4,150	120	14,523	3,920	14,523

*Includes only requests received by the State Library Commission, and does not include requests sent directly from one library to another.

- NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK FOR KNOWLEDGE REPORT* -

FISCAL 1975

NAME OF LIBRARY	REQUESTS REC'D FROM	REQUESTS FILLED BY STATE LIBRARY	WITHIN STATE	MINITEX	OTHER	TOTAL	REQUESTS NOT FILLED	REQUESTS FILLED BY LIBRARY
MINITEX								1,224
Bismarck JC	71	21	34		2	57	14	91
Bismarck Mary Coll.	578	261	115	36	7	419	159	208
Bismarck Public	776	276	252	14	9	551	225	317
Bismarck State Lib.	1,023		744	97	34	875	148	10,991
Bottineau SF	47	12	28			40	7	43
Devils Lake College	68	19	32			51	17	13
Devils Lake Pub.	347	174	111			285	62	23
Dickinson Public	262	103	77	3	4	187	75	75
Dickinson State	636	241	179	19		439	197	253
Fargo Public	461	223	81	16	1	321	140	185
N.D.S.U.	577	72	178		4	254	323	845
Grafton CB (4-1-75+)	87	46	20			66	21	
Grand Forks Public	546	171	166	24	7	368	178	269
U.N.D., Grand Forks	1,903	139	427	668	132	1,366	537	811
UND -Medical Lib.	2		2			2		74
Jamestown College	424	119	157	8	8	292	132	146
Jamestown Public	437	268	62		1	331	106	52
Mandan Public	654	302	118	2	2	424	230	138
Mayville State	144	20	61	37		118	26	42
Minot Public	1,553	618	438	1	11	1,068	485	89
Minot State Coll.	605	67	138	267	37	509	96	420
Valley City Public	198	118	31		1	150	48	61
Valley City State	234	73	69	6	2	150	84	224
Wahpeton S. of Sci.	131	53	38		1	94	37	138
Williston James M.	675	267	192	8	4	471	204	70
Williston - UND	62	17	21	3	2	43	19	30
Other ND Libraries	4,096	2,480	782	13	16	3,291	805	
High Schools	4,479	4,249	60			4,309	170	
Elem. Schools	592	561	3			564	28	
Other (out-of-state)	23	21	1			22	1	285
TOTAL	21,691	10,991	4,617	1,224	285	17,117	4,574	17,117

*Includes only requests received by the State Library Commission, and does not include requests sent directly from one library to another.

XXI. State Library Collection.

	Added 1974	Added 1975	Withdrawn 1974	Withdrawn 1975	Total (6-30-75)
Adult information books	2,761	4,030	809	433	51,272
Adult fiction books	181	191	899	15	6,229
Juvenile books	-0-	-0-	1,940	346	3,715
Tape cassettes	1,895	1,875	-0-	29	8,614
8mm films	445	446	-0-	-0-	891
16mm films	-0-	20	-0-	-0-	20
filmstrips	573	267	-0-	-0-	1,080
microfilm reels	-	-	-	-	1,622
microfiche cards	-	-	-	-	4,227
Reading Circle	-0-	-0-	8,445	-0-	-0-
Traveling Library	-0-	-0-	4,856	-0-	8,128
TOTALS	6,055	6,829	16,949	823	85,798

XXII. State Library Staff.

The State Library has 17 authorized state funded positions, and each one has been classified in the newly created state personnel system:

Name	Position
1. Bailey, Cheryl	Librarian III
2. Beckler, Terry	Library Technician
3. Bina, Leeila	Librarian II
4. Buchert, Thelma	Clerk I
5. Guttromson, Marilyn	Librarian I
6. Hetler, Dawn	Library Technician
7. Johnson, Mildred	Library Technician
8. Mertz, Lois	Clerk Typist II
9. Nelson, Mildred	Clerk I
10. Norton, Mary Lou	Clerk I
11. Parkman, Bea	Clerk II
12. Schafer, Alice	Library Technician
13. Sprynczynatyk, Betty	Librarian I
14. Stocker, Arlene	Library Technician
15. Wald, Donald	Administrative Officer III
16. Wolfert, Richard	State Librarian
17. Ziegler, Shirley	Secretary I

Federally funded: 1. Stenstrom, Ralph — Library Consultant

Temporary Positions: 1. Dewald, Alice
2. Schneider, Susan
3. Steinwand, Pamela
4. Wingenbach, Joyce

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY
Expenditures 7-1-73 6-30-75

	FY-1974	FY-1975	Biennial Total
Salaries & Wages	$136,299	$188,105	$324,404
Fees & Services			
Travel	$ 4,664	$ 8,020	$ 12,684
Utilities	3,583	4,228	7,811
Rents	38,043	37,850	75,893
Communications	2,374	5,884	8,258
Repairs	5,919	2,732	8,651
Data Processing	7,338	31,861	39,199
Professional Fees	3,581	5,583	14,647
Research Projects RC & D	10,483	-0-	5,000
Blind Service-South Dakota	-0-	24,000	24,000
Minitex	-0-	42,500	42,500
Insurance	642	620	1,262
Miscellaneous	3,927	4,997	8,924
TOTAL	$ 80,554	$168,275	$248,829
Supplies & Materials			
Office Supplies	$ 4,915	$ 13,983	$ 18,898
Printing	5,071	9,527	14,598
Books	21,396	29,909	51,305
Audio Visual	87,369	31,659	119,028
Periodicals	5,893	2,836	8,729
Miscellaneous	840	1,528	2,368
TOTAL	$125,484	$ 89,442	$214,926
Equipment	$ 12,958	$ 10,140	$ 23,098
Grants	$301,322	$361,398	$662,720
TOTAL	$656,617	$817,360	$1,473,977

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY
Library Services and Construction Act Grants

Library	FY-1974	FY-1975	Biennial Total
Title I Library Services			
Physically Handicapped			
Service to the Blind & Physically Handicapped			
State School for the Blind	$ 2,878	$ 1,295	$ 4,173
South Dakota State Library	22,000	(note)	22,000
TOTAL	$ 24,878	$ 1,295	$ 26,173

Note-1975-South Dakota Contract Expense paid through Fees and Services of the State Library Appropriation.

Library	FY-1974	FY-1975	Biennial Total
Wide-Area Library Service			
Service to the surrounding trade area free of charge			
Devils Lake Public	$ 2,228	$ -0-	$ 2,228
Dickinson Public	2,500	2,028	$ 4,528
Fargo Public	12,750	19,610	32,360
Harvey Public	2,000	-0-	2,000
Jamestown-Alfred Dickey	2,760	2,016	4,776
Lisbon Public	1,500	-0-	1,500
Mandan Public	2,000	-0-	2,000
Minot Public	6,720	16,866	23,586
Mott Public	1,500	-0-	1,500
Valley City Public	2,000	-0-	2,000
Wahpeton-Leach Public	2,500	-0-	2,500
Williston-James Memorial	3,360	-0-	3,360
TOTAL	$ 41,818	$ 40,520	$ 82,338
Groups of Persons			
Service to special, ethnic, and shut-in groups			
Bismarck-Veterans Memorial	$ -0-	$ 10,255	$ 10,255
Dickinson Public	1,000	500	1,500
Divide County	500	-0-	500
Fargo Public	32,750	-0-	32,750
Grafton-Carnegie Bookmobile	2,500	2,000	4,500
Jamestown-Alfred Dickey	2,000	1,000	3,000
Lisbon Public	2,000	-0-	2,000
Mandan Public	500	5,000	5,500
Minot Public	9,000	-0-	9,000
Stutsman County	500	-0-	500
Valley City	500	500	1,000
Williston-James Memorial	3,000	-0-	3,000
Williston-West Plains Rural	14,870	2,500	17,370
TOTAL	$ 69,120	$ 21,755	$ 90,875
	$		
Demonstration-Development			
Bismarck-Veterans Memorial	$ 15,442	$ 19,886	$ 35,328
Cooperstown-Griggs County	-0-	10,000	10,000
Divide County	4,500	-0-	4,500
Grafton-Carnegie Bookmobile	15,000	1,730	16,730
Grand Forks Public	-0-	4,000	4,000
Linton Public	-0-	4,000	4,000
Mclean-Mercer	-0-	3,697	3,697
Minot Public	25,000	6,200	31,200
Stutsman County	1,200	-0-	1,200
Wahpeton-Leach Public	9,000	-0-	9,000
Ward County	-0-	4,000	4,000
Fargo Public	-0-	19,390	19,390
TOTAL	$ 70,142	$ 72,903	$143,045

Library	FY-1974	FY-1975	Biennial Total
Institutional Library Service			
Service to state institutions			
N.D. State Hospital	$ 7,000	$ 6,278	$ 13,278
State Industrial School	7,000	6,278	13,278
School for the Deaf	5,000	6,279	11,279
Grafton State School	3,000	3,165	6,165
TOTAL	$ 22,000	$ 22,000	$ 44,000
Planning Education & Research Grants			
Grants to Individuals	$ 1,114	$ 180	$ 1,294
Bismarck-Veterans Memorial	10,450	-0-	10,450
UND-Law School	7,500	-0-	7,500
TOTAL	$ 19,064	$ 180	$ 19,244
Title II Construction			
Dickinson	$ -0-	$ 77,476	$ 77,476
Grafton	9,900	-0-	9,900
Grand Forks	32,400	5,400	37,800
Jamestown	12,000	-0-	12,000
Watford City	-0-	24,000	24,000
West Fargo	-0-	70,869	70,869
TOTAL	$ 54,300	$177,745	$232,045
A B M Impact Grant	$ -0-	$ 25,000	$ 25,000
TOTAL GRANTS	$301,322	$361,398	$662,720

REPORT COVERING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1973 - JUNE 30, 1974

SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF LIBRARIES AND LEARNING RESOURCES, WASHINGTON, D.C.

- INTRODUCTION -

Funds for the federal Library Services and Construction Act were subject to unusual stresses and strains during the 1974 fiscal year, and they were reflected in the difficulties of administering the State Plan.

When the Administration planned an abrupt termination of the Library Services and Construction Act by eliminating all funding for FY-1974, the State Legislature did (after much consternation) appropriate sufficient funds for the State Library to continue statewide services, albeit at a reduced level.

It should be noted, however, that the increased state funding was contingent upon the termination of Library Services and Construction Act funds. When Library Services and Construction Act funds were restored by Congressional action, the increased state funds reverted back to the state general fund.

As in the 1971/73 and the 1973/75 biennial budget requests, the State Library Commission has submitted a state budget document detailing the need and justification for state funds to operate statewide library service. The federal Library Services and Construction Act funds are to be used for public library development, coordination of all types of libraries, and providing special library services to groups of persons such as the blind and physically handicapped, institutionalized, senior citizens, etc. At this time the State Legislature has not completed action upon the budget request for the 1975/77 biennium. Should the Library Services and Construction Act program terminate, as the Administration plans, or should Library Services and Construction Act be amended to prohibit the substitution of federal funds for state funds, then the State Library will, by necessity, be state funded.

ADVISORY COUNCIL -

Governor Arthur A. Link established a new Advisory Council on Libraries to supersede the Council that served under former Governor William L. Guy. The new Council has received the instruction from Governor Link to submit to him a detailed report on the status of North Dakota libraries (academic, school, public, and special) and to make recommendations for the development and coordination of the resources and services of these libraries.

To assist the Council, planning committees have been appointed in the academic, school, and public library areas. These committees, consisting of professionals in their respective fields, are to report to the Council with their detailed findings and recommendations. The State Librarian serves as executive secretary to the Council and he or his representative also serves as ex-officio on each of the planning committees.

TITLE I, PROJECT 1, ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE PLAN

The administrative staff consists of the State Librarian, an administrative officer, a secretary, and a part-time bookkeeper. Administrative costs also include space rental, utilities, and travel.

No administrative changes were made during FY-1974. Project costs are estimated at $25,000. This amount is about five percent of the total funds administered by the State Library.

TITLE I, PROJECT 2, STATE INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE

Grants were made to the following state supported institutions for staff, materials, or equipment:

School for the Deaf, Devils Lake.....	$ 5,000.00
School for the Mentally Retarded, Grafton ...	3,000.00
State Hospital, Jamestown	7,000.00
State Industrial School, Mandan	7,000.00
	$22,000.00

Each of these institutions has greatly benefited from this project since 1967 when Library Services and Construction Act funds became available for state institutional service. While much more needs to be accomplished, some of these libraries have reached a reasonable level of service. Others lack even a minimal level of service. In FY-1975, a survey of the state institutional libraries is being completed and a report with recommendations will be filed with the Advisory Council.

The state institutions regularly borrow material from the State Library. Consultant services are available to each institution, upon request.

TITLE I, PROJECT 3, STATEWIDE LIBRARY SERVICES TO THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

Talking Book Service to North Dakota residents is provided by contract from the South Dakota State Library, Pierre.

The North Dakota State Library provides supplementary library service with large print books and tape cassettes of material not available through the Talking Book Service.

This contractual service arrangement with South Dakota and supplemental service from the State Library is satisfactory at this time.

Talking Book machine distribution and certification of eligible persons is under the control of the Division of Special Services to the Blind, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Grand Forks.

A grant was made to the School for the Blind, Grand Forks, for the purchase of library materials and equipment.

Contractual Expenditures:

South Dakota State Library	$22,000.00
School for the Blind, Grand Forks	2,878.00
	$24,878.00

(TITLE I,) PROJECT 4, LIBRARY SERVICE TO STATE GOVERNMENT

This project is entirely state funded and consists of information and consultant service to state government personnel.

It is included in this report because it is an integral part of the State Plan.

TITLE I, PROJECT 5, STATEWIDE INFORMATION AND LIBRARY SERVICE

The State Library continued its supportive role in the supplementary provision of library materials to local libraries and in the provision of direct library service to the population which does not have access to local library service.

Library materials were expanded to include tape cassettes, sound filmstrips, and 8mm recreational films. Many computer produced catalogs of the newer media material were distributed to libraries and to individuals.

Consultant service to local public libraries is provided by the State Library staff.

A large portion of the Library Services and Construction Act funds have been expended in this program because of insufficient state appropriations and because of the lack of viable public library service over two-thirds of the state.

Wide Area Service grants continue to be made to selected local public libraries. Libraries that meet certain standards are granted Library Services and Construction Act funds to extend their services to their surrounding trade area. A statewide library card is a goal of this project. In addition to the loan of library materials, reference and information service, photocopy service, and interlibrary loan service are also provided. Many areas of the state and large segments of the population are provided with free public library service for the first time under this project.

Wide Area Service Contractual Agreements.

Devils Lake Public Library	$ 2,228.00
Dickinson Public Library	2,500.00
Fargo Public Library	12,750.00
Harvey Public Library	2,000.00
Jamestown Public Library (Alfred Dickey)	2,760.00
Lisbon Public Library	1,500.00
Mandan Public Library	2,000.00
Minot Public Library	6,720.00
Mott Public Library	1,500.00
Valley City Public Library	2,000.00
Wahpeton Leach Public Library	2,500.00
Williston (James Memorial) Public Library	3,360.00
	$ 41,818.00

TITLE I, PROJECT 6, LIBRARY SERVICES TO SPECIAL GROUPS OF PERSONS

Emphasis was again given to the improvement of library services for senior citizens, homebound, and institutionalized persons, as well as other groups needing special attention.

Collections of suitable library materials were placed in senior citizens centers, rest homes, hospitals, and jails. In some areas, transportation was provided to visit the library by those persons who could not do so under their own circumstances. Volunteers were often the chief means of bringing library materials to homebound and institutionalized.

Contractual Agreements.

Service to Senior Citizens -

Fargo Public Library (for 14 rural communities) ..	$ 30,000.00
Lisbon Public Library	2,000.00
Mandan Public Library	500.00
Stutsman County Library	500.00
Valley City Public Library	500.00
West Plains Rural Library, Williston (for 5 rural communities)	12,700.00
	$46,200.00

Service to Special Groups (includes senior citizens, homebound, institutionalized) -

Dickinson Public Library	$ 1,000.00
Divide County Library	500.00
Carnegie Bookmobile Library, Grafton (for communities in 4 counties)	2,500.00
Alfred Dickey Public Library, Jamestown	2,000.00
Minot Public Library	5,810.00
James Memorial Public Library, Williston	3,000.00
	$ 14,810.00

Disadvantaged -

A grant was made to the Minot Public Library to continue a special paperback reading service via a bookmobile to low income families in the city.

Minot Public Library	$ 3,190.00

Indians -

Grants were made to the Fargo Public Library and the West Plains Rural Library, Williston, for special library services to Indians in their surrounding areas.

The grant to Fargo was for the purchase of library materials to be housed in the Fargo-Moorhead Indian Club.

The Williston grant was for the purchase of library materials to be housed in Indian day care centers located in Mountrail County.

Fargo Public Library	$ 2,750.00
West Plains Rural Library, Williston	2,170.00
	$ 4,920.00

Total Contractual Agreements for Project 6 ..... $ 69,120.00

TITLE I, PROJECT 7, DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

Divide County Library received a grant to hire additional staff and for travel expenses to permit the county librarian to develop extended service programs from the combined school media/county library located in a new building.

Divide County Library ..... $ 4,500.00

Carnegie Bookmobile Library, Grafton, received a grant to demonstrate improved multi-county library service through rapid communication systems (IN-WATS from local library to headquarters library, and TWP from headquarters library to the State Library); consultant staff for local library improvements; added library materials.

Carnegie Bookmobile Library, Grafton $15,000.00

Minot Public Library received a grant to develop an Area Referral and Information Service. A directory of services is being compiled and will be published for the seven-county area. Telephone and in-person service is available from service center.

Minot Public Library $25,000.00

Bismarck Public Library received a grant for publishing an Area Referral and Information Service directory for a ten-county area. The directory had been previously compiled.

Bismarck Public Library ..... $ 8,442.00

The Wahpeton Public Library received a grant for equipment and library materials to demonstrate improved community service in the areas of reference and a community meeting room.

Wahpeton Public Library ..... $ 9,000.00

Stutsman County received a grant for the installation of a two-way radio in their bookmobile to expedite service by providing reference service and interlibrary loans. Blizzard warnings during the winter months are also a vehicle staff benefit.

Stutsman County Library ..... $ 1,200.00

The Bismarck Public Library received a grant to improve service by integrating its two book classification systems into one classification.

Bismarck Public Library ..... $ 7,000.00

Total Contractual Agreements for Project 7 ..... $70,142.00

Community Library Service -

While no funds were granted this fiscal year, activities from previous years continued at the local level. This project provides for public library service in small communities which do not have a public library by extending the services of the school media center to the community.

The Velva Public and School Library activity was a success and has been allocated an increase in local funds and is supplemented by federal revenue sharing funds. A research report on this activity has been published by the State Library. The Divide County Library in Crosby has merged with the school media center in a new school building in Crosby. Several other communities have this library service arrangement under consideration.

TITLE I, PROJECT 8, PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION

Educational grants were made for undergraduate library courses taken at North Dakota colleges or by correspondence courses by library staff members throughout the state. Courses in management were also offered through the business department of a local college.

Library conferences brought technical administrative assistance as well as technical procedural information to North Dakota librarians through the use of professional speakers and evaluation teams.

Total education costs	$ 3,798.00

Planning and research grants were made on local, regional and statewide basis. The final results of these studies are not yet available. However, the ultimate goal of the three level approach is to determine the problem areas as well as the potential resources available throughout the state.

Planning and research grants for FY-1974 are as follows:

One for local planning -	
Bismarck Public Library	$ 6,010.00
Two for regional planning -	
Lake Agassiz Regional Planning Council	5,483.00
Lewis & Clark Regional Planning Council	5,000.00
Two for statewide planning -	
Law School, University of North Dakota	7,500.00
Bismarck Public Library as agent for the Public Library Planning Council	4,440.00
	$32,231.00

TITLE I, PROJECT 9, GRANTS-IN-AID FOR IMPROVED PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

No grants were made in this category during this fiscal year.

TITLE III, PROJECT 1, NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK FOR KNOWLEDGE

The State Library continued to operate the North Dakota Network for Knowledge. This Network is a teletype-telephone-mail communications system with headquarters in the State Library and includes a union catalog of books, periodicals, and A-V materials in the twenty-six largest libraries in the state. Out-of-state searching is also done at the State Library. Negotiations are presently underway with the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the extension of MINITEX library and information services to North Dakota. A joint two-state Union List of Serials and document delivery service would be a feature of the proposed bi-state relationship.

A planning and coordinating director has been added to the staff. His responsibility will be to work with the Advisory Council and with regional and local planning bodies. He will also update the State Plan as required.

ABM IMPACT GRANT

The Carnegie Bookmobile Library, a four-county operation serving the ABM impacted area, received a $25,000.00 Department of Defense grant via the State Library Commission. These funds were used to operate an additional bookmobile in the impacted area and to provide additional staff and library materials.

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- INTRODUCTION -

Funds for the federal Library Services and Construction Act were again subject to what has become the usual stresses and strains during the 1975 fiscal year. Difficulties of administering the State Plan were minimized because of the carry-over provision of the "Tydings Amendment" which allowed the State Agencies another year to expend the funds. However, the lack of support by the administration causes great difficulties for effective state-level planning.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

The North Dakota Advisory Council on Libraries, appointed by Governor A. Link, has met 5 times during the fiscal year and is preparing a detailed report on the status of North Dakota libraries (academic, school, public, and special) and will make recommendations for the development and coordination of the resources and services of these libraries.

To assist the Council, planning committees have been appointed in the academic, school, and public library areas. These committees, consisting of professionals in their respective fields, report to the Council with their detailed findings and recommendations. The State Librarian serves as executive secretary to the Council and he or his representative also serves as ex-officio on each of the planning committees.

The minutes of the Council meetings have been published in the Flickertale Newsletter.

TITLE I, PROJECT 1, ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE PLAN

The administrative staff consists of the State Librarian, an administrative officer, a secretary, and a part-time account clerk. Administrative costs also include space rental, utilities, and travel.

No administrative changes were made during FY-1975. Administrative costs are estimated at $25,000. This amount is about seven percent of the total federal funds administered by the State Library.

TITLE I, PROJECT 2, STATE INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE

Grants were made to the following state supported institutions for staff, materials, or equipment:

School for the Deaf, Devils Lake	$ 6,279.00
School for the Mentally Retarded, Grafton	3,165.00
State Hospital, Jamestown	6,278.00
State Industrial School, Mandan	6,278.00
	$22,000.00

Each of these institutions has greatly benefited from this project since 1967 when Library Services and Construction Act funds became available for state institutional service. While much more needs to be accomplished, some of these libraries have reached a reasonable level of service. Others lack even a minimal level of service. A survey of the state institutional libraries has been completed and a report with recommendations will be filed with the Advisory Council.

Each of the state institutions regularly borrow library materials from the State Library. Consultant services are available to each institution, upon request.

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The North Dakota State Library provides supplementary library service with large print books and tape cassettes of material not available through Talking Book Service.

Talking Book machine distribution and certification of eligible persons is under the control of the Division of Special Services to the Blind, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Grand Forks.

A grant was made to the School for the Blind, Grand Forks, for the purchase of library materials and equipment.

Contractual Expenditures

South Dakota State Library	$24,000.00
School for the Blind, Grand Forks	1,295.00
	$25,295.00

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The State Library continued its supportive role in the supplementary provision of library materials to local libraries and in the provision of direct library service to the population which does not have access to local library service.

Library materials were again expanded to include tape cassettes, sound filmstrips, and 8mm recreational films. Many computer produced catalogs of the newer media and books were distributed to libraries and to individuals. (See list of publications at end of this report.)

Consultant service to local public libraries is provided by the State Library staff.

A smaller portion of the Library Services and Construction Act funds have been expended in this program than in previous years, because of increased state appropriations for this service.

Wide Area Service grants continue to be made to selected local public libraries. Libraries that meet certain standards are granted Library Services and Construction Act funds to extend their services to their surrounding trade area. A statewide library card is a goal of this project. In addition to the loan of library materials, reference and information service, photocopy service, and interlibrary loan service are also provided. Many areas of the state and large segments of the population are provided with free public library service for the first time under this project.

Wide Area Service Contractual Agreements

Dickinson Public Library	$ 2,028.00
Fargo Public Library	19,610.00
Jamestown Public Library (Alfred Dickey)	2,016.00
Minot Public Library	16,866.00
	$40,520.00

TITLE I, PROJECT 6, LIBRARY SERVICES TO SPECIAL GROUPS OF PERSONS

Emphasis was again given to the improvement of library services for senior citizens, homebound, and institutionalized persons, as well as other groups needing special attention.

Collections of suitable library materials were placed in senior citizens centers, rest homes, hospitals, and jails. In some areas, transportation was provided to visit the library by thoses persons who could not do so under their own circumstances. Volunteers were often the chief means of bringing library materials to persons homebound or institutionalized.

Contractual Agreements

Dickinson Public Library	$ 500.00
Mandan Public Library	5,000.00
Carnegie Bookmobile Library, Grafton (for communities in 4 counties)	2,000.00
Alfred Dickey Public Library, Jamestown	1,000.00
Valley City Public Library	500.00
	$9,000.00

Disadvantaged Groups

In addition to the senior citizens (the largest numerical disadvantaged group in the state), the homebound and the institutionalized, special projects were developed for Native Americans and for other low-income concentrations of population.

A grant was made to the West Plains Rural Library in Williston for the purchase of library materials to be used by children at several Indian Day Care Centers in rural communities.

The State Library, as part of its Project 5 - Statewide Information and Library Service, has strengthened its collection of materials on Native Americans and has published a 328 page catalog of these materials and distributed it to libraries in the state.

The United Tribes Training Center located in Bismarck has made extensive use of the State Library collection in their educational and cultural programs.

Sioux County, which contains the North Dakota portion of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, was a project area to provide improved bookmobile service through an upgraded materials collection, a refurbished bookmobile, professional direction, consultant service, and interlibrary loan services. The project was under contract with the Bismarck Public Library.

West Plains Rural Library, Williston	$ 2,500.00
Bismarck Public Library	10,255.00
	$12,755.00

TITLE I, PROJECT 7, DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

Grants were made to the following libraries:

$19,866	Bismarck Public Library (to demonstrate library service to Burleigh County via bookmobile, deposit collections and walk-in service)
$ 4,000	Ward County, Minot (to help equip a new branch library in Kenmare as part of the Ward County Library)
$ 6,200	Minot Public Library (to publish and distribute an "Area Information and Referral Service" directory for a seven county area)
$ 1,730	Carnegie Bookmobile Library, Grafton (to demonstrate improved library service in smaller communities in four rural counties)
$10,000	Griggs County Library (to consolidate the city and county library into one administrative and service unit)
$ 3,697	McLean-Mercer Regional Library (to produce a book catalog of library materials for distribution to branches and bookmobile. The data processing is being done by the State Library Commission at an additional estimated cost of $7,500.00.)
$ 4,000	Linton Public Library (to help equip a new library construction as part of a community center)
$ 4,000	Grand Forks Public Library (to establish clearinghouse of audio-visual resources in the city of Grand Forks)
$19,390	Fargo Public Library (in Region V, to provide free library borrowers cards and mail service to residents and supplemental library service to public libraries; provide consultant service to Region V; administer grants for participating public libraries)
$72,903	Total

In addition, the State Library Commission purchased filmstrip/cassette projectors (Dukane) to promote local public library use of the State Library Commission collection of sound filmstrips. These projectors were loaned to public libraries.

Kodak super 8 film projectors were also purchased by the State Library Commission to promote local public library use of the State Library Commission collection of super 8 films. These projectors were loaned to public libraries.

TITLE I, PROJECT 8, PLANNING, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Educational grants were made for undergraduate library courses taken at North Dakota colleges or by correspondence courses by public library staff members throughout the state.

A planning and evaluation director has been on the staff working closely with the Advisory Council and coordinating the various research projects now underway (described in the FY-74 report). These research projects will be completed and published in FY-76. A study of the state supported institutional libraries has been completed and will be published shortly.

Mary College, Bismarck (institutional study)	$1,724.00
Educational grants	558.00
Advisory Council expenses	2,817.60
	$5,099.60

TITLE I, PROJECT 9, GRANTS-IN-AID FOR IMPROVED PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

No grants were made in this category during this fiscal year.

TITLE III, PROJECT 1, NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK FOR KNOWLEDGE

The State Library continued to operate the North Dakota Network for Knowledge. This Network is a teletype-telephone-mail communications system with headquarters in the State Library and includes a union catalog of books, periodicals, and AV materials in the twenty-six largest libraries in the state. Out-of-state searching is also done at the State Library. A contract with the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the extension of MINITEX library and information services to North Dakota was completed. A joint two-state Union List of Serials and document delivery service is part of the contract.

Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Commission $25,806.00

ABM IMPACT GRANT

The Carnegie Bookmobile Library, a four-county operation serving the ABM impacted area, received a $25,000.00 Department of Defense grant via the State Library Commission. These funds were used to operate an additional bookmobile in the impacted area and to provide additional staff and library materials.

EVALUATION

The State Library Commission believes that the Library Services and Construction Act needs amending in order that public library development can be continued and that coordination of all types of libraries can be expanded. However, as amendments are considered, it is imperative that Library Services and Construction Act remain a state-based program. Statewide planning, equality of access to information, and coordination can only be done at the state level.

Library Services and Construction Act changes needed would include:

1. A minimum state dollar expenditure for statewide public library service based upon population and on the ability to pay;

2. A minimum level of public library service on a statewide basis and a required network providing equal access to state and national informational resources;

3. A minimum size of local (or sub-state) library tax base, population, and expenditure for adequacy of local service and resources;

4. A minimum level of state administrative agency support for management, consultation, planning, coordination, and supplementary library material resources.

5. The channeling of all federal library funds (school, academic, public, institutional, planning, coordinating) through the Library Services and Construction Act for use within the state. Such usage would be based upon a State Plan approved by the Governor and the U. S. Commissioner of Education.

The problems in administering the Library Services and Construction Act in North Dakota are these:

1. Lack of a state level commitment for public library services (e.g. low level of state agency support, no state aid program).

2. One-third of the state's population makes no local tax support for public library service (mostly rural and less than 2,000 population).

3. In addition to the above, one-third of the state's population does support public library service, but they live in cities that are too small for even any reasonable minimal level of public library service on an independent basis (less than 2,000 population).

4. Multi-county public library development and the coordination of public libraries with school and academic libraries are resisted by local elected and appointed officials and public library boards and librarians because of:

   a. a necessary reorganization from the local power structure to a regional or multi-county board of control or at least one of influence;

   b. an increase in property taxes or in many areas a library tax for the first time;

c. a desire to keep the library out of the control of the professionals as would be necessary in a larger, more complex and more sophisticated library organization;

d. the view that the library is a local institution and largely a cultural ornament rather than a center of information;

e. a fear of growth in central governmental control which in addition to libraries would include law enforcement (jails, district attorneys, police, courts) and public education (regional school districts).

North Dakota public library law is liberal in providing opportunities for local library improvement through:

1. Increased mill levies by election;

2. Expanded tax base through consolidation, merger, or contractual relationships.

In addition, public libraries are eligible for federal Revenue Sharing Funds to improve local services.

Despite these opportunities for improvement on a local, a regional, or statewide basis, there is little evidence of action. With the tightening economic strangulation of local libraries, it might be expected that local initiative might come forth to remedy the situation. While this may well happen, there is also the possibility of federal intervention to bring about the improvements needed at the state and local levels. History in North Dakota in such areas as reapportionment, meat inspection, and Occupational Safety and Health Act are recent examples of the expanded role of the federal government into state and local affairs.

It is the State Library Commission's view that the following changes must occur for basic improvements in public library service:

1. The smaller library jurisdiction must give way to larger jurisdictions;

2. Professional management must be implemented in lieu of lay administrative boards;

3. State general funds must be appropriated;

4. The public library must be seen as a vital and necessary governmental service; that it is the common man's point of access to the nation's information data bank and cultural history and arts.

The latter is most important. If the public library is to survive these times of rapid social and economic change, then its role must be reexamined, defined, and the governmental structure determined that will insure the job being done.

To put large sums of federal, state, or local money into our present North Dakota public library structure is of dubious value.